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Applicant: Dennis Cvitkovitch

The following documents are attached for filing:

- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/030)—(1 p.)
- Fee Transmittal for FY 2004 (PTO/SB/017)—(1 p.)
- Amendment and Response to Office Action dated July 16, 2003—(12 p.)

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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/833,017
	Filing Date	April 10, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Dennis Cvitkovitch
	Art Unit	1645
	Examiner Name	Padmavathi Baskar
	Attorney Docket Number	1889-00401

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For FY 2004**

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** \$385.00**Complete if Known**

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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	\$
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	\$
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	\$
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	\$
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	\$

SUBTOTAL (1) \$**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	20** -	18.00	\$
Claims	3** -	86.00	\$
Multiple Dependent		290.00	\$ 00.00

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent Claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1053 130	2053 65	Non-English specification	\$
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